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Safe Family Holiday Campaign Update Week Three

1 Injured in alcohol-related crash last week, 32 arrested for DUI, 4 more checkpoints scheduled

Dover – According to police reports, 1 person was injured in an alcohol-related crash last week. This brings the total number of people injured in an impaired driving crash since Thanksgiving to 19. Fortunately, so far this holiday season, no one has been killed in an alcohol related crash.

The DUI Tree project memorializes alcohol-related deaths and injuries which occur during the campaign period by placing colored light bulbs on the tree to represent each victim. Each red bulb on the tree symbolizes someone killed in an alcohol-related crash in Delaware between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve. Each green light bulb symbolizes someone injured in an impaired driving crash.

Last weekend Delaware law enforcement officers conducted sobriety checkpoints and DUI saturation patrol statewide which resulted in the arrest of 32 people for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol and/or drugs. In addition to the weekend's DUI arrests, officers issued 3 citations for underage drinking violations, apprehended 15 wanted individuals, made 14 drug arrests, 7 felony arrests, issued 25 seat belt citations, 5 child restraint citations, and 525 citations for various other traffic violations.

Four sobriety checkpoints are scheduled for next weekend as follows:

Friday Dec. 16th - Newark – NcCo DUI Task Force
Camden – DSP Troop 3

Saturday Dec. 17th – Elsmere – DSP Troop 6
Georgetown – Georgetown PD

The 13^h annual Safe Family Holiday campaign runs from Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve and involves a combination of high visibility enforcement efforts and public awareness activities. For more information on the campaign, visit our website at www.ohs.delaware.gov and click on the Safe Family Holiday link on the left side of the page or Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ArriveAliveDE.

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